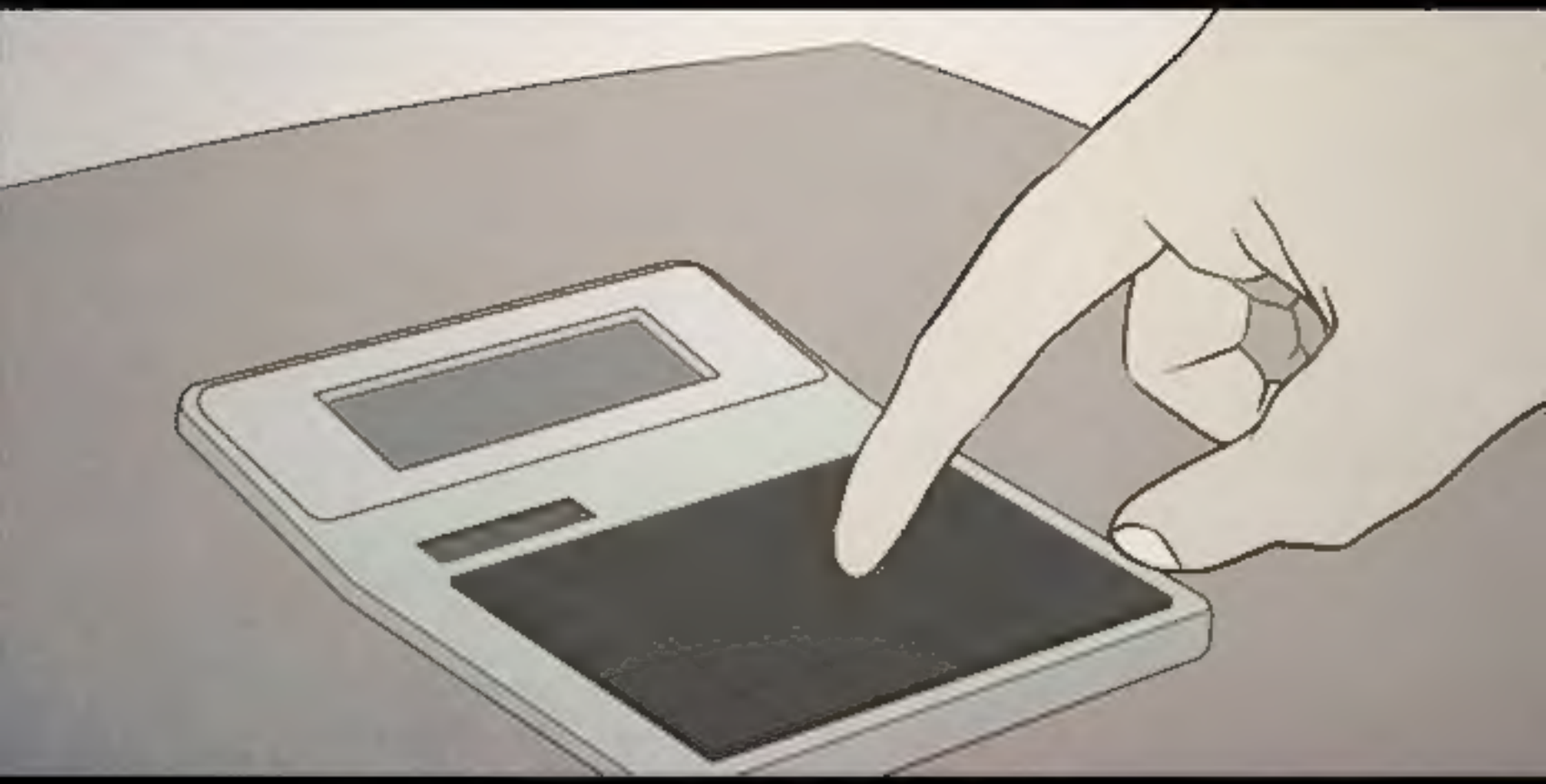
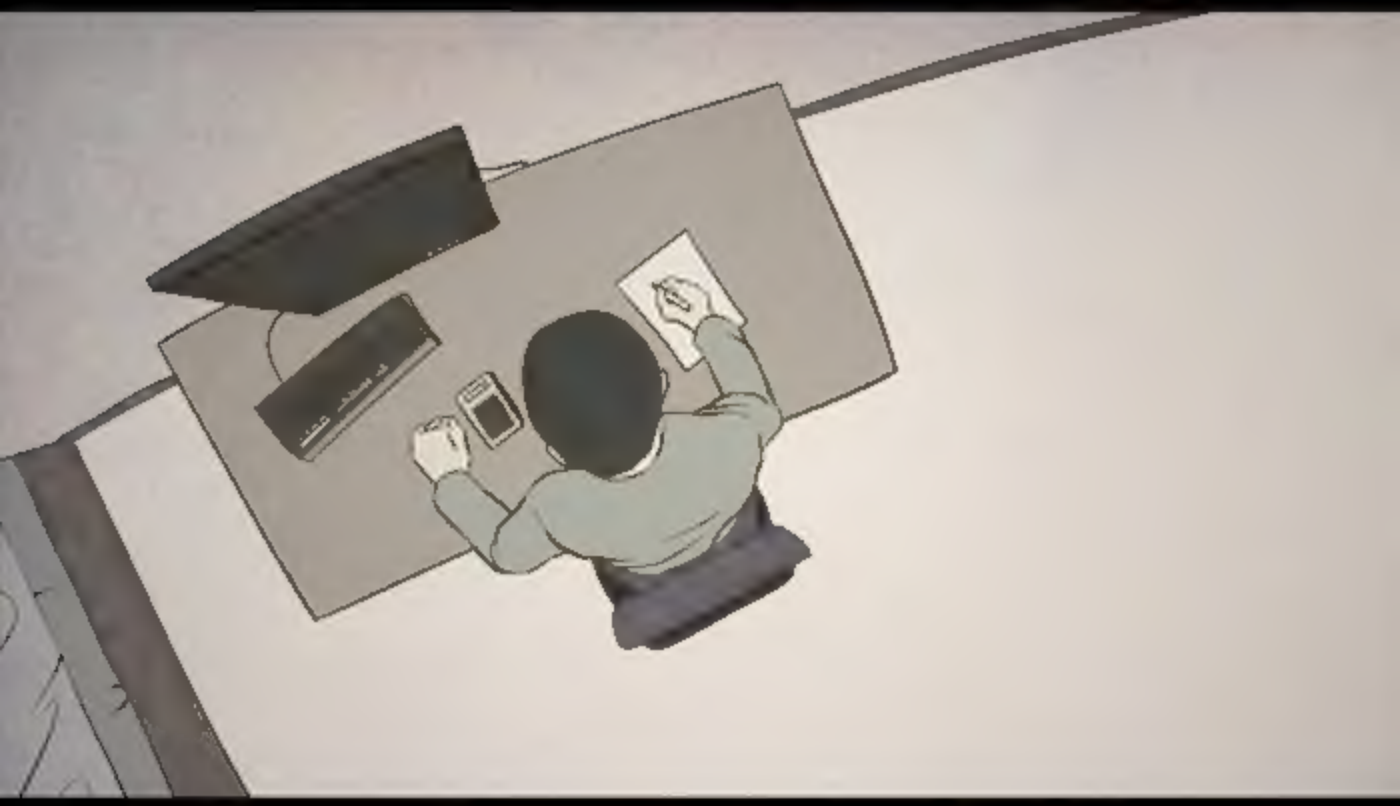


IF I CONVERT THE VALUE OF 9 YEARS OF
MY LIFE THAT I WANTED TO USE IN SMALL PORTIONS
INTO CASH,
IT AMOUNTS TO 400 MILLION WON.*

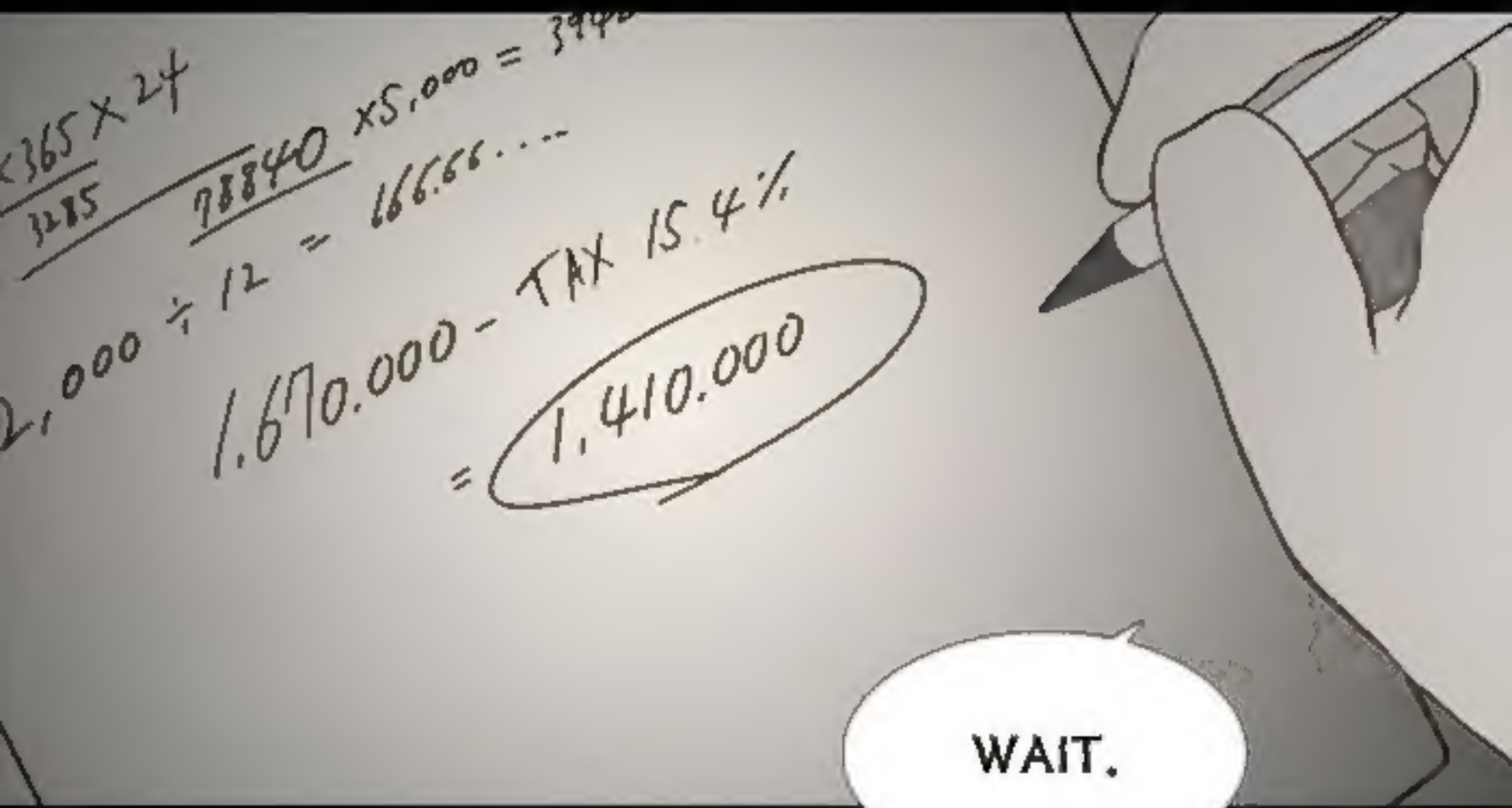
*APPROX. $352,000



EVEN IF I PUT THIS 400 MILLION WON
IN A HIGH-INTEREST SAVINGS ACCOUNT,

I WOULD GET AROUND 20 MILLION
WON IN INTEREST EACH YEAR.

IF I CALCULATE 20 MILLION WON IN TERMS OF A MONTHLY SALARY...



WAIT.

THAT CROOK! HE'S TOTALLY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ME!?

BUT ACTUALLY,
I COULDN'T BLAME THE MAN FOR THIS.

THE ONLY THING
I CAN DO IS BLAME MY OWN STUPIDITY.

BUT I WILL NOT LIVE

AS A FOOL ANY LONGER.

THEN.
I WILL
NOW ACCEPT

78,840
HOURS...

A FIXED INCOME FOR LIFE!

AH! IT SOUNDS SO SWEET.

MY MONTHLY INCOME FOR LIFE IN EXCHANGE FOR 9 YEARS OF MY LIFE: 1.41 MILLION WON.

THIS TIME,
I DIDN'T WASTE IT. I JUST COULDN'T..

SINCE I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE
MY LIFESPAN WITH MY EYES,

BUT I COULD CLEARLY SEE THE BALANCE.

MY DAILY LIFE BECAME SIMPLER.

EATING, WORKING OUT,
ENJOYING HOBBIES, AND SLEEPING WELL.

THAT'S ALL I DID.

BUT THIS SIMPLICITY
CERTAINLY DIDN'T LEAD TO BOREDOM.

YUM~

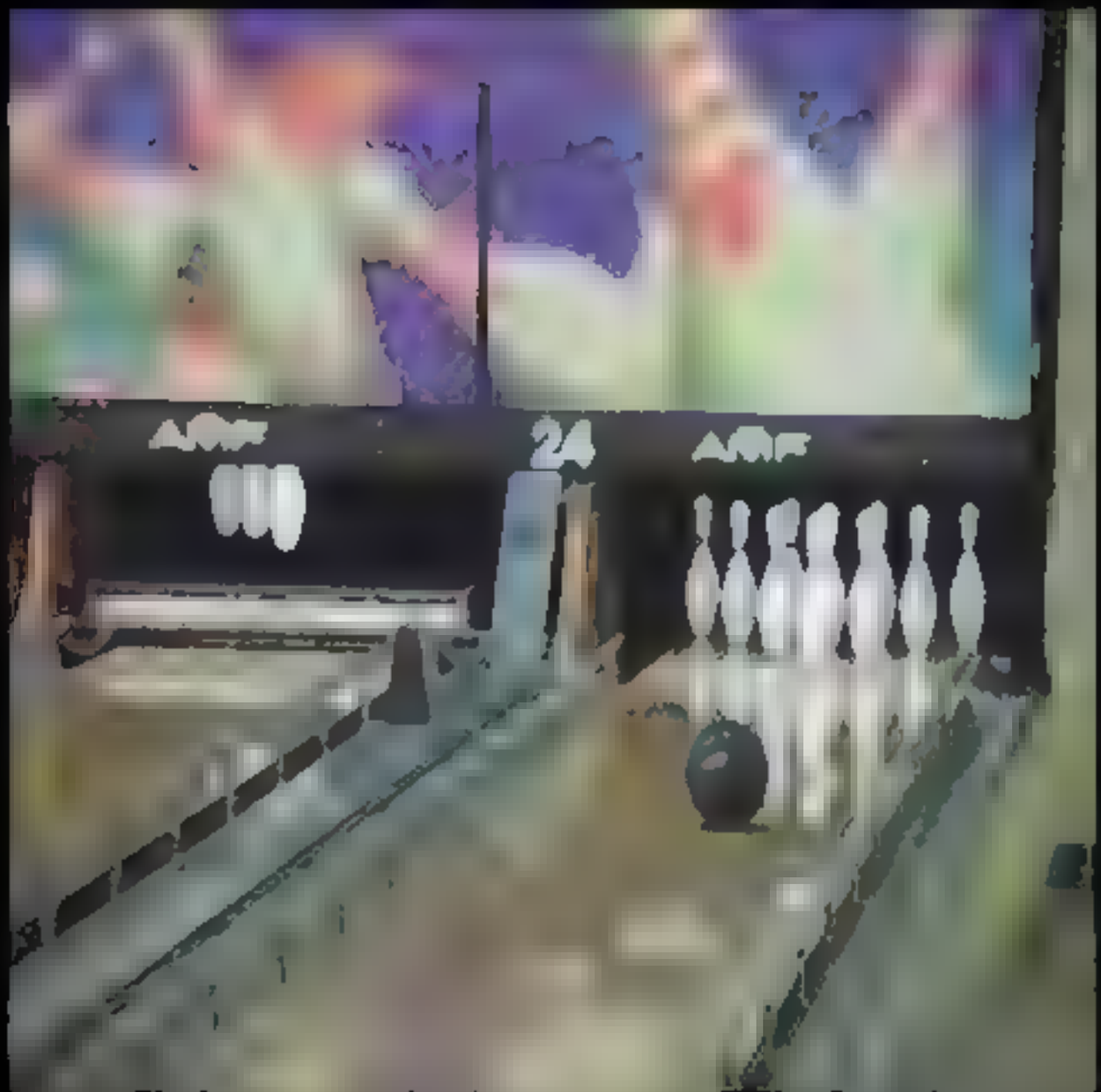
THIS IS GOOD.

BECAUSE IN THIS WORLD,

AS LONG AS YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE IS STABILIZED,

THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS TO ENJOY
AND PASS THE TIME WITH.

I RECHARGED MYSELF EMOTIONALLY
WITH ONE MOVIE EVERY WEEK,

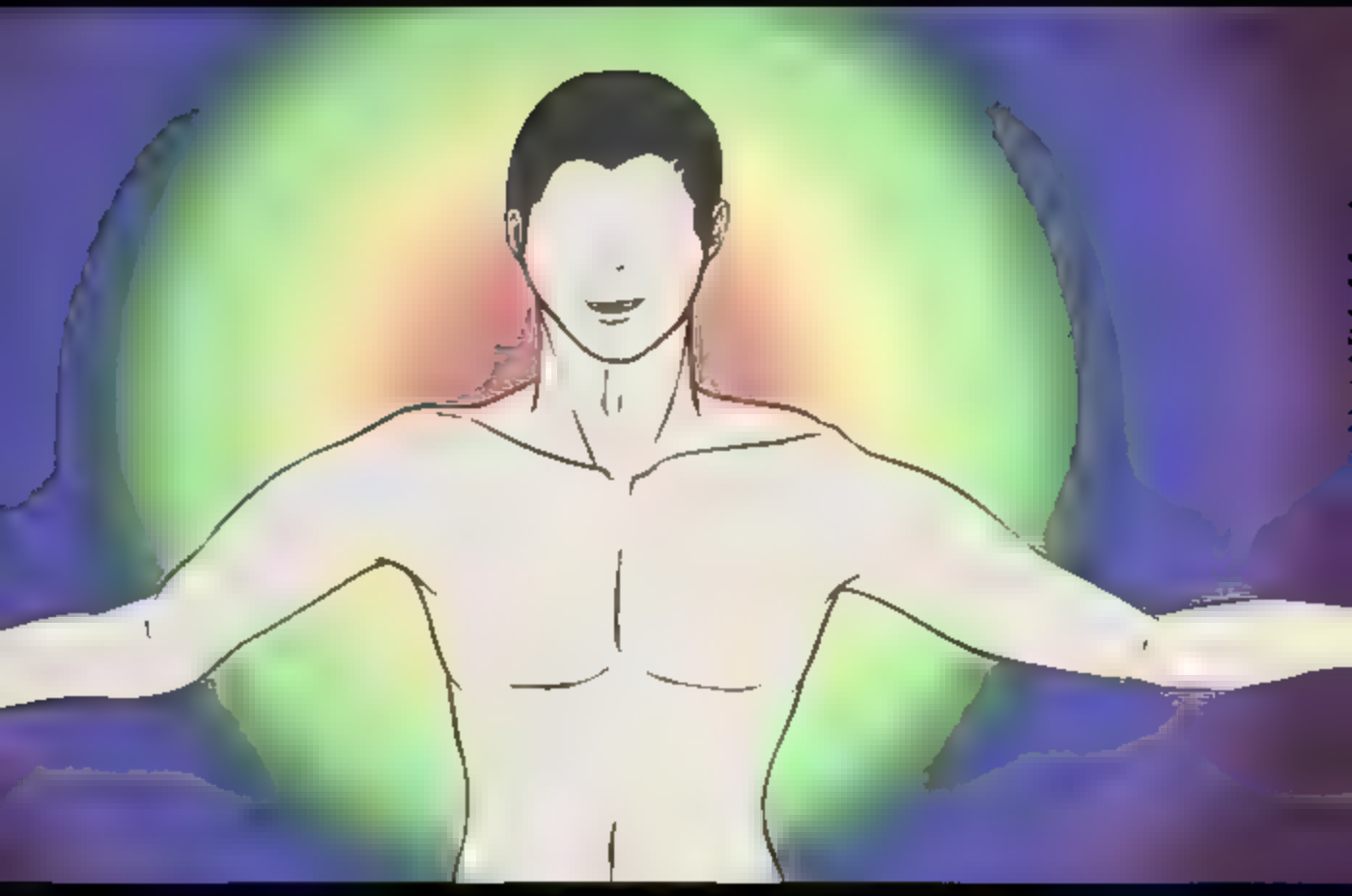


I STAYED ACTIVE BY GETTING ENOUGH EXERCISE,

AND SOMETIMES I WENT ON TRIPS AND THOUGHT ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS.

A SOLID 400 MILLION WON AND RELIABLE
INTEREST RATE CHANGED MY LIFE.

I STARTED SMILING, I FELT FREE,
AND I BECAME MORE GENEROUS.



AND AS ALL ATTRACTIVE, GENEROUS MEN WITH
A GREAT SMILE IS BOUND TO DO SO
WITH HARDLY ANY EXCEPTIONS,

THE RED STRING OF FATE
CAME INTO VIEW.

MY LIFE, WHICH WAS REALLY TANGLED FROM THE BEGINNING, BEGAN TO UNTANGLE WITH THE EXPENSE OF 9 YEARS.

THANK YOU
FOR ALWAYS BEING
BY MY SIDE.

THIS IS THE WISEST DECISION THAT

I HAVE EVER MADE IN MY ENTIRE LIFE.

OR SO,

I MISTAKENLY BELIEVED FOR A LONG TIME.

FRIDAY
FORBIDDEN TALES
禁曜日

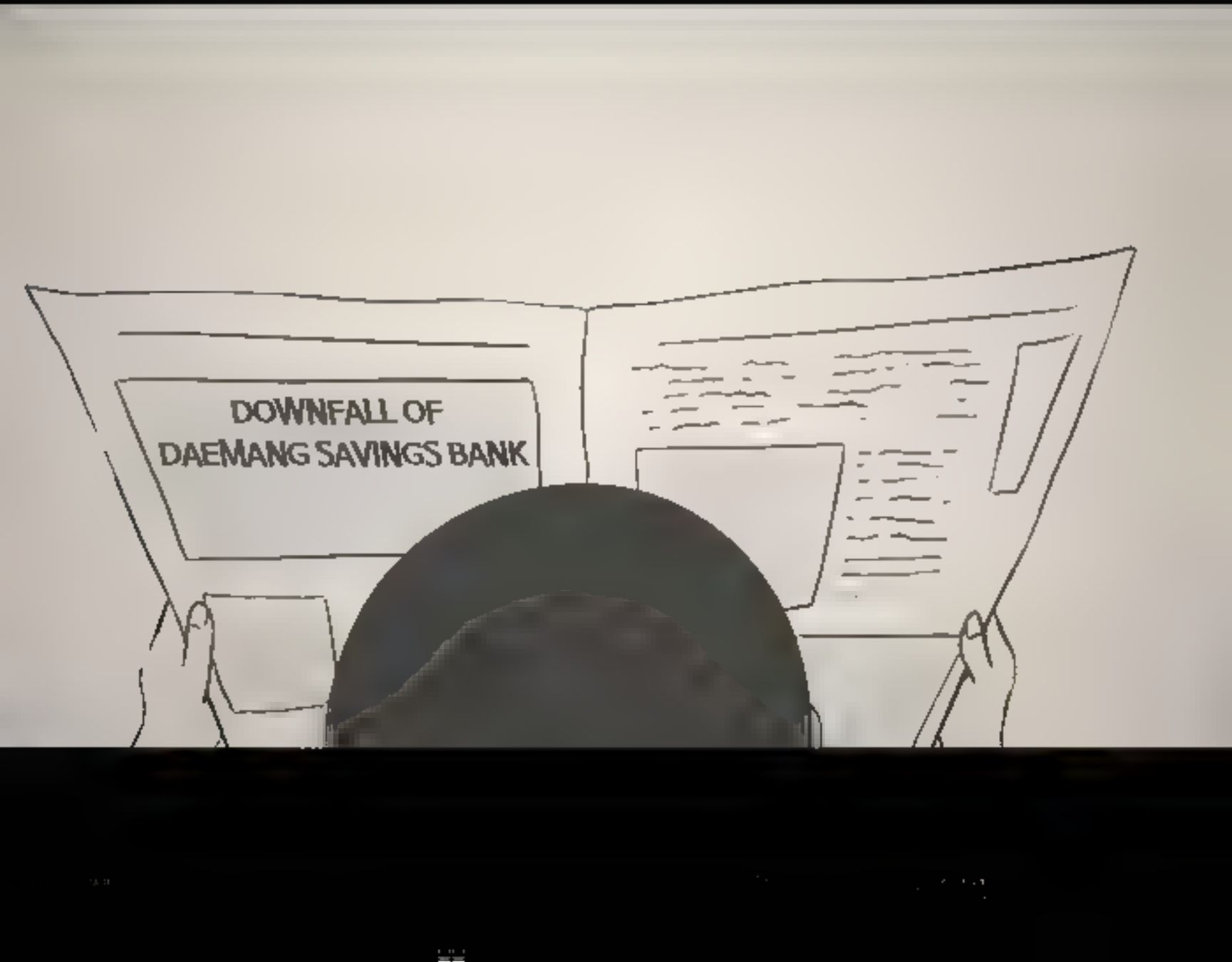
THE TRADING CENTER

1 YEAR LATER

COLLAPSE OF DAEMANG SAVINGS BANK,
WHO WILL SAVE THEIR CUSTOMERS?

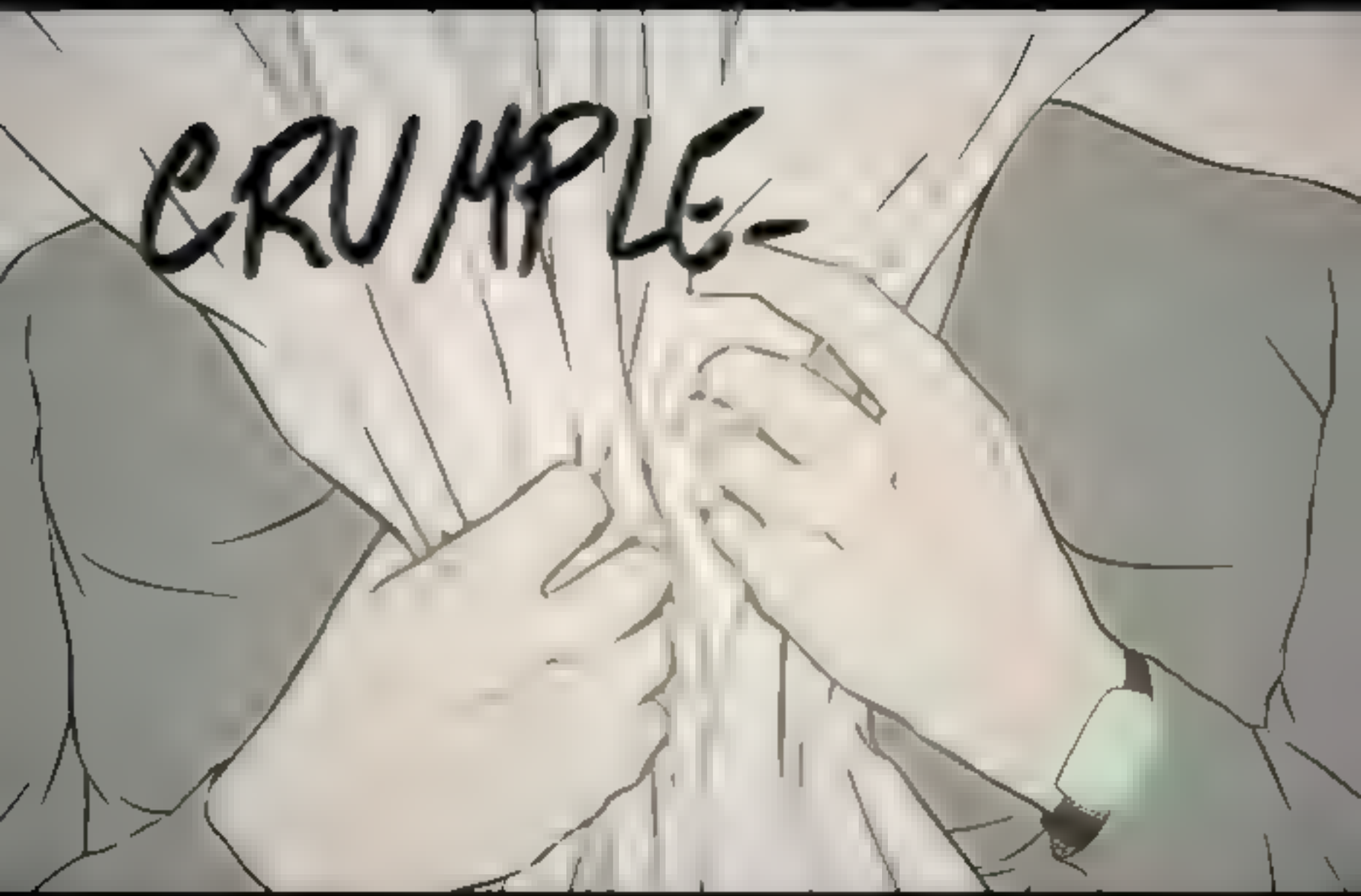
DAEMANG SAVINGS BANK
CAUGHT IN ILLEGAL LOAN SCHEM

WITHDRAWING FUNDS BEFORE
E COLLAPSE OF DAEMANG SAVINGS BA


DOWNFALL OF
DAEMANG SAVINGS BANK

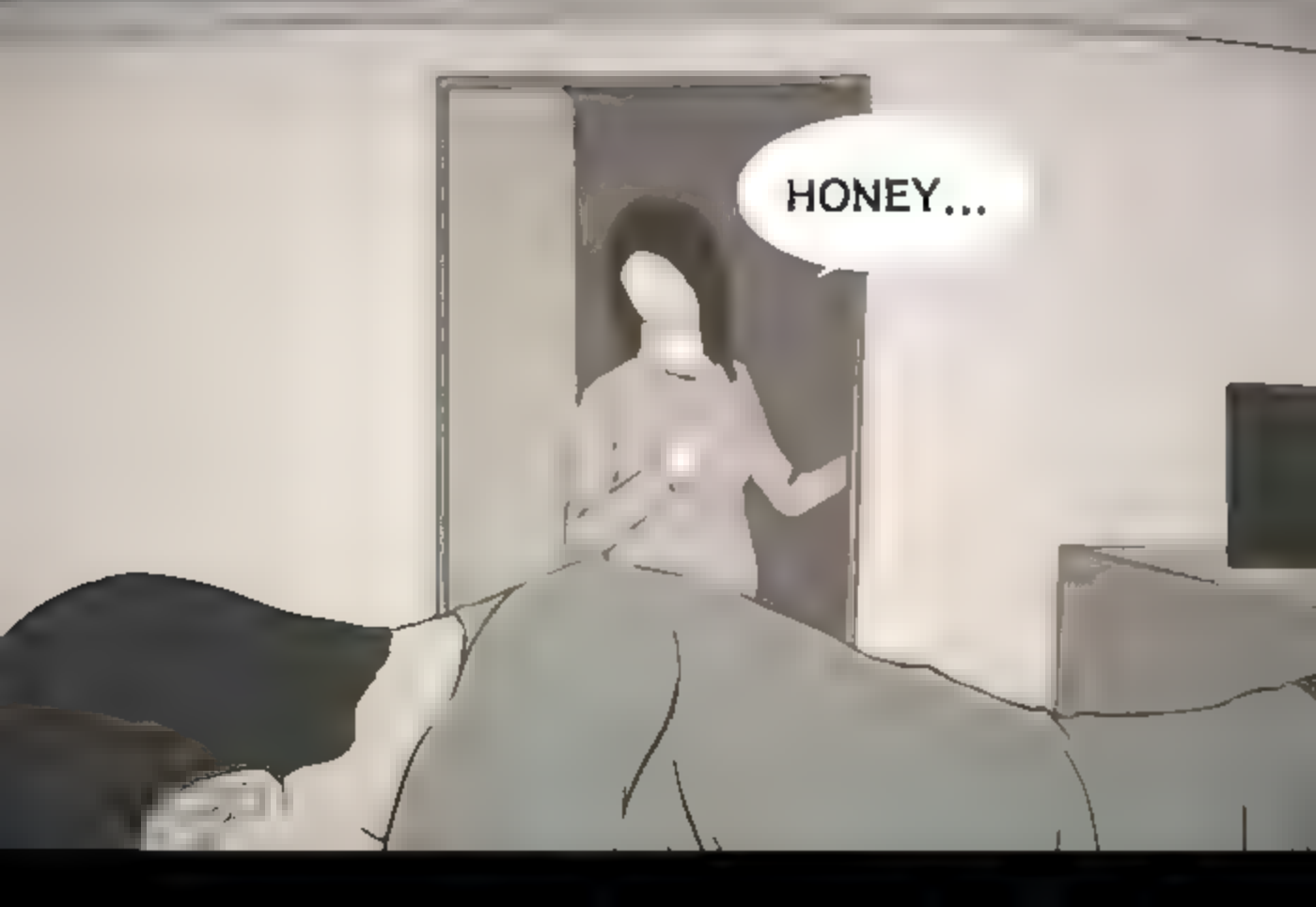
THE BANK IN WHICH MY SAVINGS WAS DEPOSITED WENT BANKRUPT.

IT WAS MY FAULT FOR THE GREED THAT WANTED TO GAIN 0.5% INTEREST MORE BLINDED ME.



THEY SAID THAT THE CUSTOMERS' SAVINGS WERE MUCH LOWER AFTER THEIR ASSETS WERE TAKEN AWAY.

EVEN THE GOVERNMENT SAID THAT IT WOULDN'T HELP PEOPLE SINCE THIS WAS A FORESEEABLE COLLAPSE.


HONEY...

PLUS MY FIANCEE

WAS PREGNANT.

WHAT ON EARTH DID I DO WRONG,

WHAT KIND OF EVIL DEEDS DID

I COMMIT IN A PREVIOUS LIFE.

OH GOD.

WHY ARE YOU GIVING ME SUCH A HARD TIME?

LONG TIME
NO SEE.

WHAT DO YOU NEED THIS TIME?

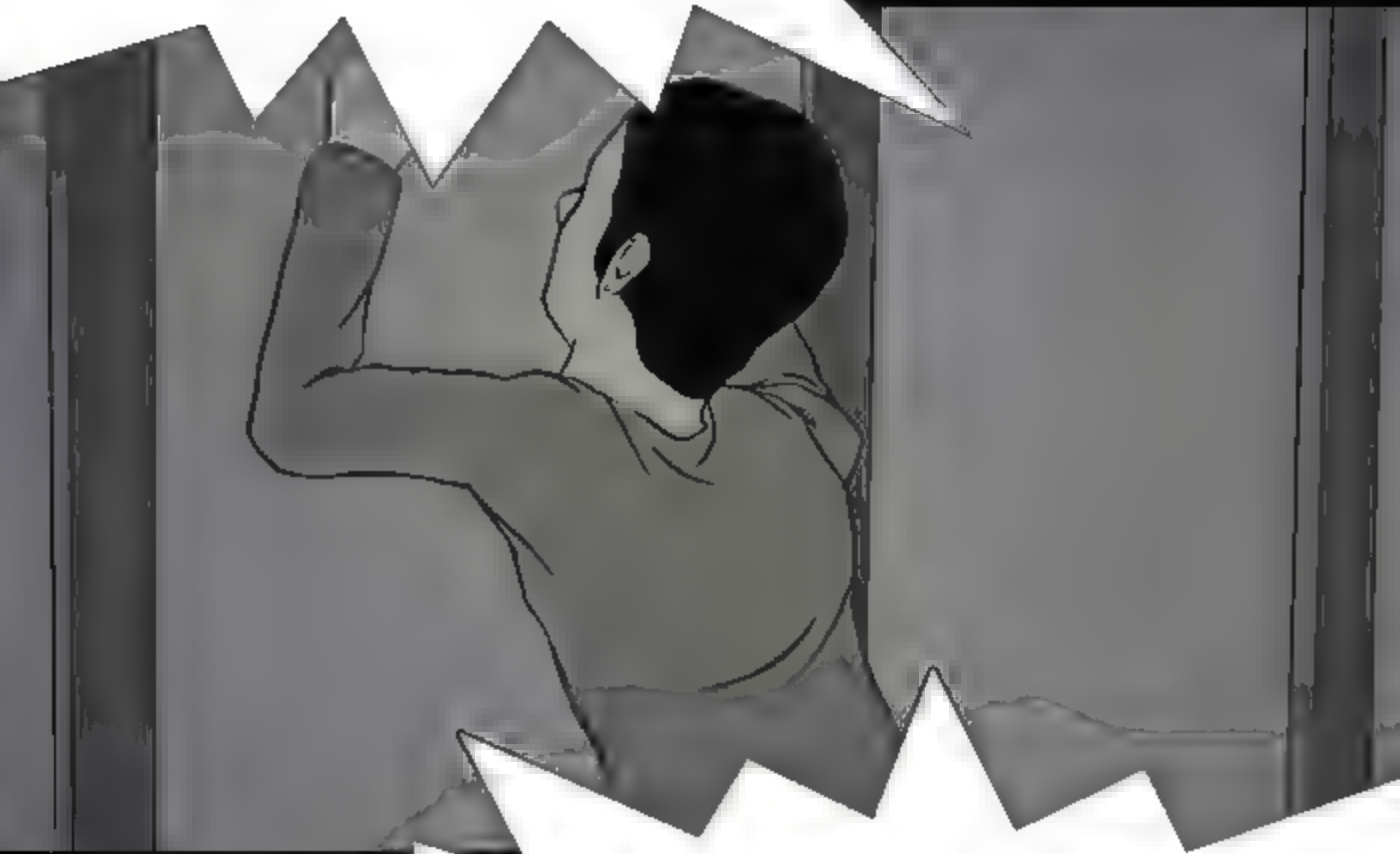
I...
I THINK THIS IS...
BROKEN...
I'M SURE
THAT IT WAS GREEN...
UNTIL JUST A FEW
MONTHS AGO...

IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS,
I RAN AROUND LIKE A MADMAN
TRYING TO RECOVER MY LOST SAVINGS.

I DIDN'T CARE WHETHER I ATE OR SLEPT.

I SPENT EVERY DAY WANDERING AROUND IN A STATE OF CHAOS.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THAT MONEY MEANS TO ME?!

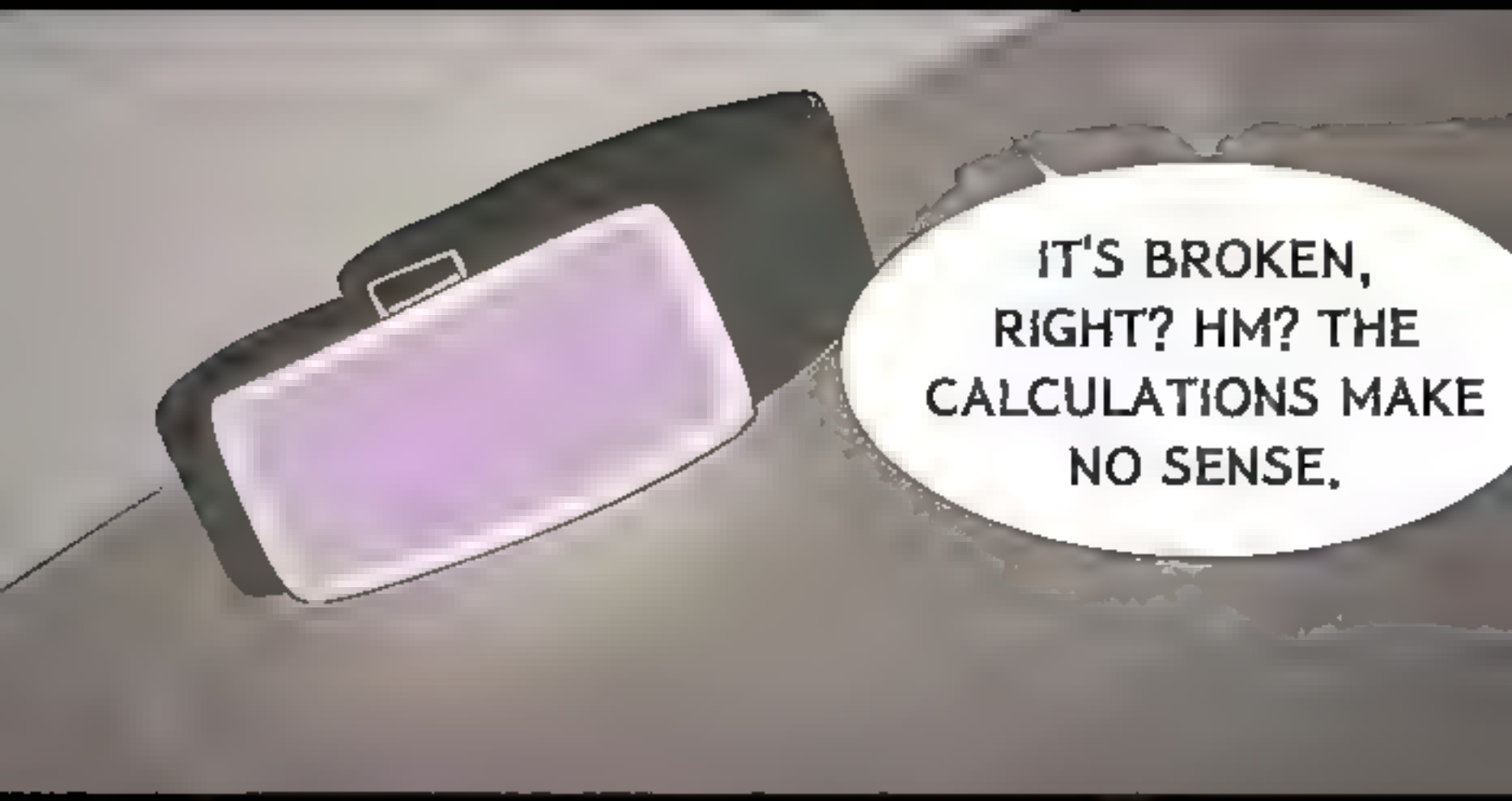


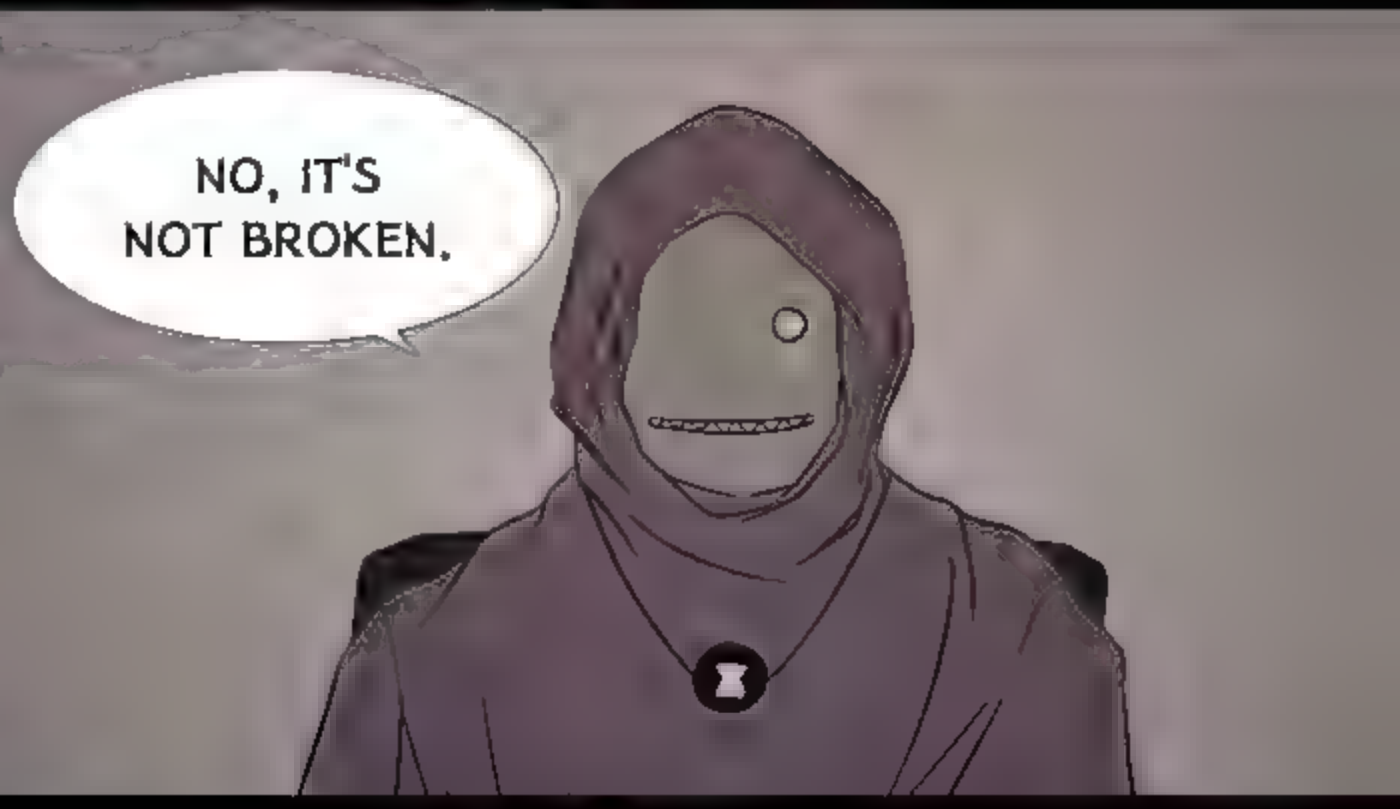
I TRADED THAT MONEY FOR MY OWN LIFE!!!

THEN WHEN I LOOKED AT MY WATCH,

I SUDDENLY REALIZED THAT IT
HAD GONE FROM GREEN TO PURPLE.

IT HAD SKIPPED RIGHT OVER BLUE.





HE TOLD ME FIRMLY THAT
THIS WAS NOT SOMETHING WHICH TOLD ME
THE 'ABSOLUTE AMOUNT' OF MY REMAINING LIFE.

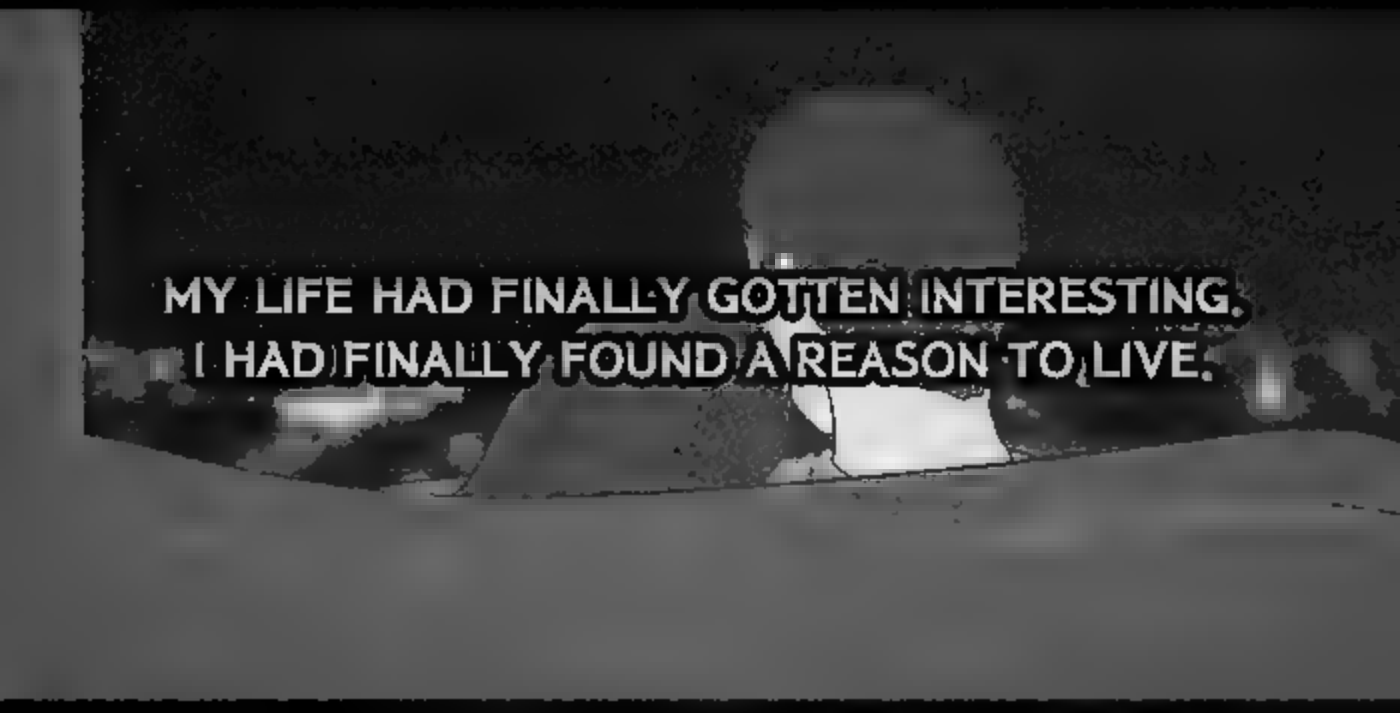
IF THERE WERE SUCH A THING, IT WOULD BE MEASURING YOUR FATE, NOT YOUR LIFESPAN.

BUT SUCH A THING DOESN'T EXIST.

IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS,
I HAD EITHER 'WORN MYSELF OUT'

OR GOTTEN SOME KIND OF FATAL ILLNESS.
ANYWAY, SADLY,

THE WATCH WAS NOT BROKEN.


MY LIFE HAD FINALLY GOTTEN INTERESTING.
I HAD FINALLY FOUND A REASON TO LIVE.

I EVEN HAD TWO PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF.

I COULDN'T JUST INSTANTLY DISAPPEAR
LIKE A MAYFLY.

YES, IT'S THE TRADING CENTER, WHERE WE DEAL IN LIVES.
SOMEHOW, NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES,
THEN THAT MEANS THAT I CAN NOT ONLY SELL BUT ALSO BUY, RIGHT? SINCE IT'S A TRADING CENTER.

I WANTED TO BUY MY LIFE BACK.

I WANTED TO SURVIVE.

NEXT WEEK, THE TRADING CENTER (4)

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